Claims;

What is claimed;

1. A surfactant composition which comprises a mixture of compounds conforming to the following structures:

wherein;

R is alkyl having 8 to 22 carbon atoms;

 R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , and R^4 are independently selected from the group consisting of :

$$\hbox{-CH$_2$-CH$_2$-O-(CH$_2$CH$_2$O)$_a$-(CH$_2$CH(CH$_3$)O)$_b$-(CH$_2$CH$_2$O)$_c$H$~;}$$

-CH₂-CH- CH-O-(CH₂CH₂O)_a-(CH₂CH(CH₃)O)_b-(CH₂CH₂O)_cH ;

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 O-(CH₂CH₂O)_a-(CH₂CH(CH₃)O)_b-(CH₂CH₂O)_cH

and H, with the proviso that R¹, R², R³, and R⁴ are not all H;

wherein a, b and c are independently integers each ranging from 0 to 20;

(b)

and

wherein;

R is alkyl having 8 to 22 carbon atoms;

 R^5, R^6, R^7, R^8 ; R^9, R^{10} and R^{11} are independently selected from the group consisting of

$$\hbox{-CH$_2$-CH$_2$-O-(CH$_2$CH$_2$O)$_a$-(CH$_2$CH(CH$_3$)O)$_b$-(CH$_2$CH$_2$O)$_cH$~;}$$

and H, with the proviso that are R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , R^8 ; R^9 , R^{10} and R^{11} not all H;

a, b and c are independently integers each ranging from 0 to 20.

2. A surfactant compositions of claim 1 wherein;

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R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, R⁸; R⁹, R¹⁰ and R¹¹ are independently selected from the group consisting of

$$\hbox{-CH$_2$-CH$_2$-O-(CH$_2$CH$_2$O)$_a$-(CH$_2$CH(CH$_3$)O)$_b$-(CH$_2$CH$_2$O)$_cH ; \\$$

and H, with the proviso that are R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , R^8 ; R^9 , R^{10} and R^{11} not all H;

a, b and c are independently integers each ranging from 0 to 20.

3. A surfactant compositions of claim 1 wherein

R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, R⁸; R⁹, R¹⁰ and R¹¹ are independently selected from the group consisting of

$$-CH_2-CH-CH-O-(CH_2CH_2O)_a-(CH_2CH(CH_3)O)_b-(CH_2CH_2O)_cH\ ;\\ |\\ O-(CH_2CH_2O)_a-(CH_2CH(CH_3)O)_b-(CH_2CH_2O)_cH\ ;\\$$

and H, with the proviso that are R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, R⁸; R⁹, R¹⁰ and R¹¹ not all II;

a, b and c are independently integers each ranging from 0 to 20.

4. A surfactant compositions of claim 1 wherein;

R¹, R², R³ and R⁴ are independently selected from the group consisting of

$$\hbox{-CH$_2$-CH$_2$-O-(CH$_2$CH$_2$O)$_a$-(CH$_2$CH(CH$_3$)O)$_b$-(CH$_2$CH$_2$O)$_cH ;}\\$$

and H, with the proviso that are R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, R⁸; R⁹, R¹⁰ and R¹¹ not all H; a, b and c are independently integers each ranging from 0 to 20.

5. A surfactant compositions of claim 1 wherein

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R¹, R², R³, and R⁴ are independently selected from the group consisting of

$$\hbox{-CH$_2$-CH-CH-O-(CH$_2$CH$_2$O)$_a$-(CH$_2$CH(CH$_3$)O)$_b$-(CH$_2$CH$_2$O)$_cH$; \\ \hbox{--} O-(CH$_2$CH$_2$O)$_a$-(CH$_2$CH(CH$_3$)O)$_b$-(CH$_2$CH$_2$O)$_cH$$

and H, with the proviso that are R¹, R², R³, and R⁴ not all H;

- 6. A surfactant compositions of claim 2 wherein R is $C_{12}H_{25}$.
- 7. A surfactant compositions of claim 2 wherein R is $C_{10}H_{21}$.
- 8. A surfactant compositions of claim 2 wherein R is $C_{22}H_{42}$.
- 9. A surfactant compositions of claim 3 wherein R is $C_{12}H_{25}\,$
- 10. A surfactant compositions of claim 3 wherein R is $C_{10}H_{21}$.
- 11. A surfactant compositions of claim 3 wherein R is $C_{22}H_{42}$
- 12. A surfactant compositions of claim 4 wherein R is $C_{12}H_{25}$
- 13. A surfactant compositions of claim 4 wherein R is $C_{10} H_{21}$.
- 14. A surfactant compositions of claim 4 wherein R is $C_{22}H_{42}$.
- 15. A surfactant compositions of claim 5 wherein R is $C_{12}H_{25}$
- 16. A surfactant compositions of claim 5 wherein R is $C_{10}H_{21}$
- 17. A surfactant compositions of claim 5 wherein R is $C_{22}H_{42}$.